

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 18-20 are new.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

Support for each amended claim is found in the correspondingly numbered original claim. Support for claim 18 is found at Claim 16. Support for Claims 19-20 is found at Claim 17.

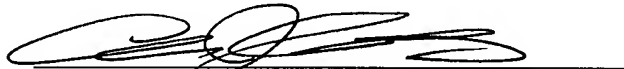
Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-20 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added.

An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.
Norman F. Oblon



Charles J. Andres, Jr., Ph.D.
Registration No. 57,537

Customer Number
22850

Tel: (703) 413-3000
Fax: (703) 413 -2220
(OSMMN 06/04)

NFO/CJA/law